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First Named Inventor	Masahiko HIROSE
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	A. M. FORTUNA
Attorney Docket Number	04558.044001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application
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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

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Applicant : Masahiko HIROSE
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Method for Producing the Same

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims [A copy of the marked-up claims is provided as Appendix A]:

1.(Twice Amended) A composite reverse osmosis membrane comprising:

a porous support;

a polyamide skin layer formed on the porous support, wherein the polyamide skin layer is formed by reacting an aromatic compound having at least two reactive amino groups with a polyfunctional acid halide compound having at least two reactive groups; and

wherein the polyamide skin layer contains bromide introduced into the polyamide skin layer by treating the polyamide skin layer with a free chlorine aqueous solution containing a bromine compound, the bromide being introduced subsequent to forming the polyamide skin layer.

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